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Applicant submits the following remarks in reply to the Office action.

REMARKS

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The Office action (at page 1, box 13) indicates that a certified copy of the priority document has not been received by the PTO. However, a certified copy of the priority document was filed with the application on July 2, 2001. During a telephone conference with the Examiner on November 4, 2003, the Examiner confirmed that the certified copy was in the PTO's file.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to confirm in the next written correspondence from the PTO that the PTO has received the certified copy of the priority document.

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